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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by: (HED)

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## AN ACT CONCERNING THE STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 10a-3 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):
- 3 (a) There shall be a student advisory committee to the Board of 4 Regents for Higher Education to assist the board in performing its 5 statutory functions. The committee shall consist of the following student members: One member from each of the institutions within the 6 7 jurisdiction of the Connecticut State University System, one member 8 from each of the regional community-technical colleges and one 9 member from Charter Oak State College. [Such members] For the term 10 commencing on July 1, 2015, the members from six of the regional 11 community-technical colleges and two of the institutions within the 12 jurisdiction of the Connecticut State University System, as selected by

shall serve a term of one year. For the term commencing on July 1,

the student members whose terms expire on or before June 30, 2015,

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2016, and every term thereafter, the members from such selected colleges and institutions shall serve a term of two years. All remaining members shall serve a term of two years. If any member ceases to be a matriculating student in good standing, either as a full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate student at the institution within the constituent unit system that elected such student, the membership of such student shall terminate. If the membership of any such student member terminates, the student government organization of the institution of higher education that elected such member shall, not later than thirty days after the membership terminates and in such a manner as the council determines, elect a student member who shall serve for the remainder of the term.

(b) The members of the committee and alternates for such members shall be elected by the student government organization of the institution of higher education they are to represent. The alternate members of the committee may serve in the absence of the regularly elected member.

- (c) The committee shall, on a rotating basis among its members and by a consensus vote of all its members, elect its own chairperson and vice-chairperson, one of whom shall be a member from the Connecticut State University System or Charter Oak State College and the other of whom shall be a member from the regional community-technical colleges, and such other officers as it deems necessary, to serve for a term of [two years] one year. The committee shall be deemed to be a public agency within the scope of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, and shall keep such records as may be appropriate.
- (d) The committee, established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, shall meet at least biannually with the Board of Regents for Higher Education. Agendas shall be prepared for such meetings and shall be distributed by the board prior thereto and shall consist of matters recommended for inclusion by the chairperson of the Board of

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- 47 Regents for Higher Education and the committee. Such meetings shall
- 48 be chaired by the chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher
- 49 Education and the committee members shall have the right to
- 50 participate in all discussions and deliberations, but shall not have the
- 51 right to vote at such meetings.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:			
Section 1	July 1, 2015		10a-3

## Statement of Purpose:

To stagger the terms of the members of the student advisory committee to the Board of Regents for Higher Education, provide for the annual election of the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the committee and allow for the member from Charter Oak State College to be elected as a chairperson or vice-chairperson.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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